

Superior Court Judge

Kari C. Kristiansen, Third Judicial District



STATEMENT:

It is a privilege and honor to serve the Mat-Su community as a Superior Court Judge. With that privilege comes a responsibility to listen impartially to the parties and to apply the law honestly in each case that comes before me. I am committed to assuring that all people, not just those who can afford a lawyer, are able to access the court and to have an opportunity to be fully heard on the issues impacting their lives. I have been fortunate to have served the people of Alaska and hope to continue to do so, with your support.

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AGE: 58

PLACE OF BIRTH: Washington

SPOUSE'S NAME: John

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Chris, Marianne, Leif

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 50 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage (1965-1989, 1996-present)

EDUCATION:
East High School
Northwestern University B.S. Electrical Engineering
Willamette University College of Law, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu (1989-1996)
Assistant Attorney General, State of Alaska (1999-2007)
Superior Court Judge, State of Alaska (2007-present)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Associate Attorney, Guess & Rudd, P.C. (1997-1999)

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Kari C. Kristiansen, Palmer Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Kristiansen met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Kristiansen was appointed to the Palmer Superior Court in November of 2006. This is her third retention evaluation. Judge Kristiansen handles civil and criminal cases.

Summary: After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Kristiansen met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Kristiansen complied with judicial ethics standards.

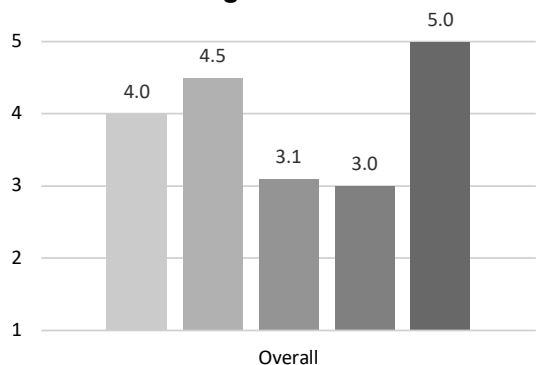
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Kristiansen in office.

Survey ratings: Court employees gave Judge Kristiansen excellent reviews. Attorneys who appeared before her gave very good reviews, while social services professionals and peace and probation officers gave some good ratings and some lower ratings. Jurors rated her very highly. One juror commented, “The judge did a good job. Her instructions to the jury were clear and helpful.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Kristiansen. Complete survey ratings are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Professional activities: The Council’s review of Judge Kristiansen’s professional activities showed positive contributions to the administration of justice and her community. Judge Kristiansen made contributions in the areas of committee and work group service, teaching, therapeutic courts, and youth activities. A detailed list of Judge Kristiansen’s professional and community activities is posted at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Other performance indicators: The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Kristiansen, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified her from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Kristiansen performed well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Kristiansen



- Attorneys, n=166
- Court Employees, n=23
- Peace and Probation Officers, n=18
- Social Service Professionals, n=19
- Jurors, n=13

Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us